

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to VA/HUD and Transportation Appropriations Conference Reports.

House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2169, Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House passed H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10719–S10829

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1278–1294, and S. Res. 133–136. **Pages S10787–88**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittee of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998”. (S. Rept. No. 105–104)

S. 1278, to extend preferential treatment to certain products imported from Caribbean Basin countries. (S. Rept. No. 105–105)

S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–106)

S. 207, to review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal subsidies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–107)

S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–108)

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 900, to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploi-

tation of children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1024, to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent.

S. 1149, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants. **Pages S10786–87**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 169, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Page S10732**

U.S. Post Office Designation: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 595, to designate the United States Post Office building located at Bennett Street and Kansas Expressway in Springfield, Missouri, as the “John Griesemer Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S10777**

U.S. Post Office Designation: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the “Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10777–78**

U.S. Post Office Designation: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 973, to designate the United

States Post Office building located at 551 Kingstown Road in Wakefield, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed. **Page S10778**

U.S. Post Office Designation: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Patterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office", and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10778**

Stevens (for Thompson) Amendment No. 1322, to strike a finding. **Page S10778**

Coral Reef Ecosystems: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 8, recognizing the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10778–79**

Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 587, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale County, Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10779**

Slate Creek Addition: Senate passed S. 588, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho National Forest and the White River National Forest, Colorado, to include land known as the Slate Creek Addition, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10779–80**

Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 589, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10780**

Dillon Ranger District Transfer: Senate passed S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10780**

Authorizing Production of Committee Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 135, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S10780**

U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution: Senate passed S. 399, to amend the Morris

K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10823**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 1323, to separate funds used for environmental conflict resolution from scholarship funds. **Pages S10823–25**

National Mammography Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, to designate October 17, 1997, as "National Mammography Day". **Page S10827**

Campaign Finance Reform—Cloture Votes:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 273), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill. **Page S10731**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 274), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 1258, listed above. **Pages S10731–32**

VA/HUD Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10733–51**

Transportation Appropriations, 1998—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10751–58**

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives a message from the House on S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, that the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House, insist on its amendment, agree to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S10777**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, October 15, 1997, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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Appointment:

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Bennett as a member of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the First Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Bucharest, Romania, October 9–14, 1997.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Yolanda Townsend Wheat, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for the term of six years expiring August 2, 2001.

Anthony W. Ishii, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2003.

Thomas J. Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Katharine G. Abraham, of Iowa, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Corinne Claiborne Boggs, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director for National Drug Control Policy.

Mary Mel French, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

David B. Hermelin, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Norway.

Harriet C. Babbitt, of Arizona, to be Deputy Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Richard W. Fisher, of Texas, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Thomas H. Fox, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Carl Spielvogel, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 1999. (Reappointment)

Donald C. Lubick, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

Joy Harjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

11 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—274)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and, in accordance with H. Con. Res. 169, adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, October 20, 1997.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto with regard to the Military Construction Appropriations bill for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Clair F. Gill, USA, Director of Army Budget; Rear Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Director of Navy Budget/Fiscal Management; and Maj. Gen. Eugene Lupia, USAF, Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings to review the Financial Accounting Standards Board's proposed standard on derivatives and hedging activities, a rule to improve standards of financial accounting and reporting by investors and creditors, after receiving testimony from Edmund L. Jenkins, Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board; Alex J. Pollock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, and William Roberts, First Chicago NBD Corporation, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Kenneth L. Wolfe, Hershey Foods Corporation, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on public health benefits, receiving testimony from John R. Seffrin, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia; Ronald M. Davis, American Medical Association, and Richard A. Levinson, American Public Health Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and M. Cass Wheeler, American Heart Association, Dallas, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the

Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and Representative Hoyer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings to examine the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance capital projects in the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; David Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Dennis Zimmerman, Specialist in Public Finance, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Henry Lee, Harvard University/Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Albert C. Eisenberg, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth C. Olson, Goldman, Sachs, and Co., New York, New York.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the benefits and risks of the proposal to grant NATO membership to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, receiving testimony from Senator Roth, on behalf of the Senate NATO Observer Group and the North Atlantic Assembly; Zibgniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, former Secretary of Defense, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Jonathan Dean, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Michael Mandelbaum, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

U.N. CLIMATE CHANGE TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the legally binding obligations and impact on the United States economy of the United Nations proposed climate change treaty which will be negotiated in December 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Sallie Baliunas, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Lawrence Chimerine, Economic Strategy Institute, and Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense